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Customer No. 22,852  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
SUERBAUM et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1647  
Serial No.: 09/015,078 ) Examiner: S. Turner  
Filed: July 27, 2001 )  
For: CLONING AND )  
CHARACTERIZATION OF THE )  
fiba GENE OF H. PYLORI, )  
PRODUCTION OF AFLAGELLATE )  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO SEQUENCE LISTING COMMUNICATION**

On November 15, 2001, the Office issued a communication indicating that the sequence listing filed in this application on August 23, 2001, does not comply with the sequence listing requirements. This paper responds to the November 15, 2001, communication.

In the communication, the Office indicated that the sequence listing filed on August 23, 2001, did not comply with the requirements set forth for applications with an effective filing date on or after July 1, 1998. As this application has an effective U.S. filing date of June 28, 1996, it is not required to comply with the new sequence listing format. Additionally, the Office incorrectly substituted the filing date of the sequence listing (August 23, 2001) for the correct filing date of this continued prosecution

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application (July 27, 2001) on the Raw Sequence Listing. Please make the necessary correction to the Raw Sequence Listing held at the U.S.P.T.O.

Applicants courteously request that the Office withdraw the objections to the sequence listing and continue the examination of this application. If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this response or if any extension of time is required, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Examiner: S. TURNER

CPA Filed: July 27, 2001

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PRODUCTION OF AFLAGELLATE STRAINS**

## 1. Response to Sequence Listing Communication

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**Fax No.:** 703-746-3141  
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**Message:**

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U.S. Patent Application No. 09/015,078  
Title: CLONING AND CHARACTERIZATION OF THE *fibA* GENE OF *H. PYLORI*, PRODUCTION OF AFLAGELLATE STRAINS  
Inventors: Sebastian SUERBAUM et al.

Dear Examiner Turner:

As you requested, please find attached a copy of the Response to Sequence Listing Communication, which was timely filed in the PTO on December 10, 2001, as indicated on the attached copy of the stamped postcard receipt.

As described in the Response, the Notice to Comply incorrectly indicated that this application failed to comply with the requirements set forth for applications with an effective filing date on or after July 1, 1998. This application has an effective U.S. filing date of June 28, 1996. Therefore, the requirements do not apply to this application.

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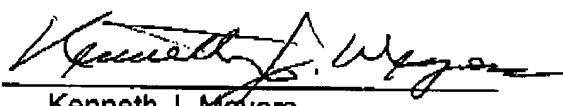
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Applicants request the timely reconsideration and reexamination of this application and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Response to Sequence Listing Communication
- Postcard Stamped on December 10, 2001